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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 19, 2001

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

CASE NO. PUC000277

To implement extended local
service from the Chatham
Exchange to the Whitmell Exchange

FINAL ORDER

On October 17, 2000, Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Section 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"). Verizon Virginia proposed to notify its customers in the Chatham Exchange of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to expand their local service to include Sprint/Centel's ("Centel") Whitmell Exchange. Telephone customers in the Whitmell Exchange had previously petitioned the Commission for local calling to the Chatham Exchange. In a poll conducted in response to the petition, a majority of the Whitmell Exchange customers responding supported paying higher rates for local calling to the Chatham Exchange. A poll of the customers in the Chatham Exchange in response to this application was not required under Section 56.484.2 A of the Code of Virginia because the proposed

rate increase for one-party residential service does not exceed five percent of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate.

By Order dated December 28, 2000, the Commission directed Verizon Virginia to provide notice of the proposed increases in monthly rates. Affected telephone customers were given until March 2, 2001, to file comments or request a hearing on the proposal. No comments or requests for hearing were filed. On February 27, 2001, Verizon Virginia filed proof of notice as required by the Commission's December 28, 2000, Order.

On March 9, 2001, the Commission Staff submitted its report recommending approval of the Company's application.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The proposed extension of local service from Verizon Virginia's Chatham Exchange to Centel's Whitmell Exchange shall be implemented.

(2) Verizon Virginia shall file the tariff revisions necessary for the proposed extension of local service.

(3) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this docket is closed and the papers filed herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.